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Letter dated 20 January 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 1647 (2005) concerning Liberia. In paragraph 9 of the resolution, the Council re-established the Panel of Experts appointed pursuant to Security Council resolution 1607 (2005) for a further period until 21 June 2006 to undertake the tasks set out in subparagraphs 9 (a) through (f) of resolution 1647 (2005). In paragraph 10 of that resolution, the Council requested me to appoint, in consultation with the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1521 (2003) concerning Liberia, no more than five experts with the appropriate expertise, in particular on arms, timber, diamonds, finance and humanitarian and socio-economic issues.

Accordingly, I wish to inform you that, taking into account the requirements set out in resolution 1647 (2005), including that I draw as much as possible on the expertise of the members of the Panel of Experts established pursuant to resolution 1607 (2005), I have appointed the following five experts:

Arthur Gregory Blundell (Canada)

Damien Callamand (France)

Caspar Fithen (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

Tommy Garnett (Sierra Leone)

Rajiva Bhushan Sinha (India)

I have also designated Arthur Blundell to serve as the Chairman of the Panel of Experts.

I should be grateful if you would bring this information to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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